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THE CONFERENCE NOTES THAT THE TECHNOLOGY OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IS STILL AT THE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND STUDY AND THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INTERRELATED INTERNATIONAL LEGAL AND OTHER ASPECTS OF SUCH EXPLOSIONS WHICH STILL NEED TO BE INVESTIGATED.

THE CONFERNECE COMMENDS THE WORK IN THIS FIELD THAT HAS BEEN

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CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE IAEA AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE CONTINUANCE OF SUCH WORK PURSUANT TO UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

3261 D (XXIX). IT EMPHASIZES THAT THE IAEA SHOULD PLAY THE CENTRAL ROLE IN MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IT BELIEVES THAT THE IAEA SHOULD BROADEN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT TO ENCOMPASS, WITHIN ITS AREA OF COMPETENCE, ALL ASPECTS AND IMPLICATIONS

OF THE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. TO THIS END IT URGES THE IAEA TO SET UP APPROPRIATE MACHINE-
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WITHIN WHICH INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSION CAN TAKE PLACE AND THROUGH WHICH ADVICE CAN BE GIVEN ON THE AGENCY'S WORK IN THIS FIELD.

THE CONFERENCE ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE CONSIDERATION

BY THE CCD, PURSUANT TO UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3261 D

(XXIX) AND TAKING DUE ACCOUNT OF THE VIEWS OF THE IAEA, OF THE ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

THE CONFERENCE NOTES THAT THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL RECEIVE REPORTS PURSUANT TO UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3261 D (XIX)

AND WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STATES TO DISCUSS

QUESTION RELATED TO THE APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL

PURPOSES. THE CONFERENCE FURTHER NOTES THAT THE RESULTS OF DISCUSSION IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE IAEA AND THE CCD FOR THEIR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

REVIEW OF ARTICLE VI

THE CONFERENCE RECALLS THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VI OF THE TREATY UNDER WHICH ALL PARTIES UNDERTOOK TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES RELATING

- TO THE CESSATION OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AT AN EARLY DATE AND

- TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND

- TO A TREATY ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

WHILE WELCOMING THE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS ON ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT ELABORATED AND CONCLUDED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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STEPS CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VI OF THE TREATY, THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSES ITS SERIOUS CONCERN THAT THE ARMS RACE, IN PARTICULAR THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, IS CONTINUING UNABATED.

THE CONFERENCE THEREFORE URGES CONSTANT AND RESOLUTE EFFORTS BY EACH

OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY, IN PARTICULAR BY THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, TO ACHIEVE AN EARLY AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VI OF THE TREATY.

THE CONFERENCE AFFIRMS THE DETERMINATION EXPRESSED IN THE PREAMBLE TO THE 1963 PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY AND REITERATED IN THE

PREAMBLE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY TO ACHIEVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF ALL TEST EXPLOSIONS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR ALL TIME. THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT THE CONCLUSION OF A TREATY BANNING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEASURES TO HALT THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. IT EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES PARTY TO THE TREATY WILL REACH AN EARLY SOLUTION OF THEIR TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL DIFFERENCES ON THIS ISSUE. IT APPEALS TO THESE STATES TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE CONCLUSION OF AN EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN. TO THIS END, THE DESIRE WAS EXPRESSED AT THE CONFERENCE THAT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY SHOULD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OPEN TO ALL STATES, AND CONTAINING APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS TO ENSURE ITS EFFECTIVENESS, TO HALT ALL NUCLEAR

WEAPONS TESTS OF ADHERING STATES FOR A SPECIFIED TIME, WHEREUPON THE TERMS OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF THE OPPORTUNITY, AT THAT TIME, TO ACHIEVE A UNIVERSAL AND PERMANENT CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. THE CONFERENCE CALLS UPON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT TO PARTIAL LIMITATION OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS, MEANWHILE, TO FULFIL THEIR AGREEMENT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF THEIR UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS TO A MINIMUM. THE CONFERENCE BELIEVES THAT SUCH STEPS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN INCENTIVE OF PARTICULAR VALUE TO PROMPT THE OTHER NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A TREATY BANNING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON TEST EXPLOSIONS FOR ALL TIME.

THE CONFERENCE APPEALS TO THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMS TO ENDEAVOUR TO CONCLUDE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THE NEW AGREEMENT THAT WAS OUTLINED BY THEIR LEADERS IN NOVEMBER 1974. THE CONFERENCE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS ON FURTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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LIMITATIONS OF, AND SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN, THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

THE CONFERENCE NOTES THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING EARLIER PROGRESS, THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD) HAS RECENTLY BEEN UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NEW SUBSTANTIVE MEASURES TO ADVANCE THE OBJECTIVES OF ARTICLE VI OF THE TREATY. IT URGES, THEREFORE, ALL MEMBERS OF THE CCD PARTY TO THE TREATY, IN PARTICULAR THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES PARTIES, TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS ON ALL SUBJECTS ON THE AGENDA OF THE CCD.

THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ALL STATES PARTY TO THE TREATY, THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT AND OTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATE, WILL WORK WITH DETERMINATION TOWARDS THE CONCLUSION OF ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOAL OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND

EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.

THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT, DISARMAMENT BEING A MATTER OF GENERAL CONCERN, THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO ALL GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES ON THE SITUATION IN THE FIELD OF THE ARMS RACE AND DISARMAMENT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE AIMS OF ARTICLE VI. THE CONFERENCE THEREFORE INVITES THE UNITED NATIONS TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING ITS EXISTING FACILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION, COMPILATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES, IN ORDER TO KEEP ALL GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS WORLD PUBLIC OPINION PROPERLY INFORMED ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE REALIZATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VI OF THE TREATY.

REVIEW OF ARTICLE VII AND THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES RECOGNIZING THAT ALL STATES HAVE NEED TO ENSURE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY, THE CONFERENCE EMPHASIZES THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF ASSURING AND STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES PARTIES WHICH HAVE RENOUNCED THE ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IT ACKNOWLEDGES THE THAT STATES PARTIES FIND THEMSELVES IN DIFFERENT SECURITY SITUATIONS AND THEREFORE THAT VARIOUS APPROPRIATE MEANS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE SECURITY CONCERNS OF STATES PARTIES.

THE CONFERENCE UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY BY NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AS THE BEST MEANS OF REASSURING ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ANOTHER OF THEIR RENUNCIATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND AS ONE OF THE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF STRENGTHENING THEIR MUTUAL SECURITY.

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